

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, and 39 are the independent claims.

Claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 29, and 39 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Claims 1-9, 12-15, 18, 19, and 21-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,039,205 (Carter et al.). Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,504,553 (Fado et al.). Claims 20 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter et al. in view of U. S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0041189 (Choi et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 16, 19, and 39 now variously recite features of one or more connection ports, each using the same compatible connection standard and configured so that when an audio apparatus is connected to one of the connection ports, it is resultantly connected or connectable to an appropriate or a cooperable audio circuit part.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the asserted citations, alone or in combination, teach or suggest at least the aforementioned features of independent claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 19, and 39. Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of the asserted combination, it is submitted that the asserted combinations are likewise deficient, even in view of the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art.

The primary citation to Carter et al. relates to techniques for audio transducer switching under programmatic and off hook interrupt control and discusses displaying graphical user interfaces that allow a user to select the configuration of multiple connected audio transducers. (Carter et al., Col. 6, line 58-Col. 7, line 61; FIGS.8A-8C). Carter et al. teaches using a connection port to which only a specific external audio apparatus can be connected. Thus, Carter et al. does not teach at least the aforementioned features of independent claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 19, and 39.

The secondary citation to Fado et al. is cited for its alleged disclosure of various features of independent claim 16 and dependent claims 10, 11, and 17. (Office Action, page 11 and 12). Applicant submits that Fado et al. is silent as to any teaching or suggestion of a type selection program that activates or causes the display of a user selection window. Thus, Fado et al. does not add anything that would remedy the aforementioned deficiency in Carter et al.

The secondary citation to Choi et al. is cited for its alleged disclosure of displaying an indication in dependence of a first signal. (Office Action, page 13). Applicant submits that Choi et al. is silent as to any teaching or suggestion of a type selection program that activates or causes the display of a user selection window. Thus, Choi et al. does not add anything that would remedy the aforementioned deficiency in Carter et al.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 16, 19, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

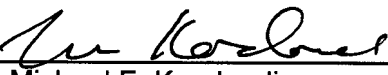
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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